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REPORT NO.

TOPIC 1. Soviet Troops in Kaisersteinbruch and Schwechat

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2. Soviet Military Shipments

EVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 18 September 1952, 16 x 37-mm AA guns with 16 trucks and another 22 trucks and 2 weapon carriers were seen in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). Some of the reconditioned barracks were occupied.

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Six artillery pieces and 20 trucks were seen on the hill east of the camp. About 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of whom source believed to be with artillery insignia, were observed in the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch, on the south side of the road to Sommerein (P 43/X 67). The troops fell in in the yard. Some of them were talking to fellow soldiers and others packed rucksacks. Two jeeps

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stood in front of the camp. Officers were near some of the motor vehicles. They talked to the drivers and subsequently went back to the cantonment.<sup>1</sup>

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2. On 11 September, 7 AA guns with muzzle brakes, a device on 2 wheels and 15 trucks were parked in the Altkettenhof estate near Schwechat (P 42/X 43).<sup>2</sup>
3. On 16 September, a train of 38 cars with troops and 12 AT guns went from Wallern (P 48/X 34) to Hungary.<sup>3</sup>
4. During the night of 17 September, a military train of 40 cars with troops went from Hungary to Vienna-Stadlau (P 49/X 49). The train returned to Hungary from Vienna-Stadlau during the following night, again occupied by troops.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Comment. The 37-mm AA guns seen in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch presumably belong to the 2500th Gds AAA Regt, while the 6 guns on the hill east of the cantonment probably belong to the 32d Gds How Arty Regt. Both regiments belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div and are believed to be stationed in Kaisersteinbruch. The cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch is also assumed to be occupied by elements of this division.

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- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. The AAA guns belong to units of the unidentified AAA regiment, which is presumably subordinate to the 59th Air Army. AAA guns were last seen in the Altkettenhof Estate in December 1951 and have no longer been reported from there since January 1952.
- 25X1A 3. ☐ Comment. Source may have erred inasmuch as the guns were AA guns rather than AT guns. Should the assumption be correct, the train carried a Soviet unit stationed in Hungary back to its post from the Apetlon (P 48/X 74) AAA range. Otherwise, the train carried a Soviet unit stationed in Austria for practices in Hungary or vice versa.
- 25X1A 4. ☐ Comment. The shipments presumably are part of the exchange program in which recruits arrive in exchange for discharges.

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